GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4039
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FILLING UP OF THE POST OF JUDICIAL MEMBER
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) Whether the post of Judicial Memberof the Railway Claims Tribunal has been lying vacant for many years resulting in delay in disposal of claim cases:

(b) if so, whether representations have been received by the Government in this regard:

(c) if so, the reasons for delay in filling up of these posts : and

(d) the time by which the appointments are likely to be made ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH)

(a) A few posts of Judicial Member of the Railway Claims Tribunal are lying vacant for some time.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Appointment of Member in Railway Claims Tribunal calls foradvertisement of vacancies in newspapers, screening of applications, constitution of Selection Committee headed by an Hon'ble Supreme Court Judge, holding of interview, obtaining of vigilance clearance / police verification reports of candidates, approval by ACC, acceptance ofoffer by the candidates and completion of procedural formalities like voluntary retirement from previous service etc.

The above process coupled with the fact that the regular Chairman who is one of the Members of the Selection Committeewas not available for some time and the Judge initially nominated to head the Selection Committeeretired before finalization of the selection etc. entailed some time.

(d) Orders of appointment have been issued in 9 cases, out of which 6 persons have joined and 3 persons are expected to join shortly. Offers are being given to 9 others to fill up the remaining vacancies.